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SUBJECT: EXBS PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR JORDAN

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1. (u) Post concurs with EXBS cooperative activities proposed refel, and expects the GOJ will react favorably to the proposal.

2. (u) Post recommends the following amendments to the proposed programs:

-- For FY 02 funds, we note that item (d), "Licensing Workshop," is proposed as a one-time program. We expect that the workshop will be an excellent start to a training regimen for GOJ officials slated to take on licensing responsibilities, but we do not think it will be sufficient to train them fully. We recommend repeating the training program every six months, using whatever FY funds are appropriate, to ensure that GOJ staff are comprehensively and continuously trained. Similarly, item (k), "Computer Data Analysis," should be offered on a regular basis to ensure staff are regularly and properly trained.

-- For FY 03 funds, we recommend similarly that training under item (d), "X-Ray Van and Associated Training," be offered on a regular basis instead of as a one-off. In addition, post has received requests from senior ASEZA customs officials over the past months requesting immediate additional training on existing x-ray equipment in Aqaba port. If possible, we recommend adding a regular training program for existing x-ray equipment at the earliest possible availability and regularly thereafter.

3. (u) Post looks forward to working with the EXBS team over the workplan period. We note, however, that a program of the ambitious scope proposed would place extraordinary pressure on Post resources, both in ECON and GSO. In order to ensure that the program gets the appropriate level of administrative support, we recommend Washington consider identifying and contracting a long-term in-country EXBS advisor or locally-hired logistics assistant who could coordinate the various program activities from Amman. Post also would welcome coordination with USAID Jordan's customs program, which has focused in part on enforcement and intelligence issues with Jordanian customs.

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